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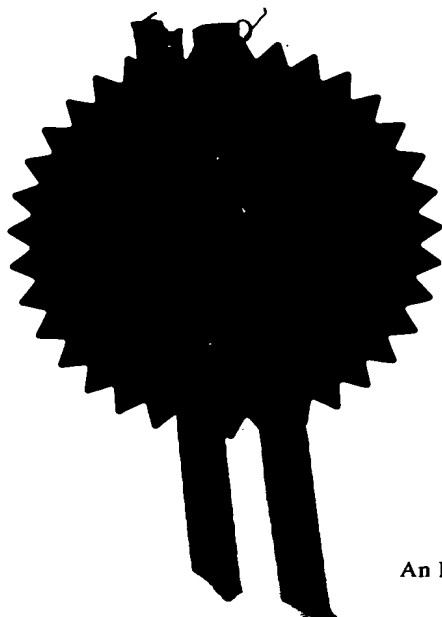
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MECHANICAL NUT AND STUD REMOVAL TOOL

Our co-pending UK Patent application number 9827489.7 defines a tool for aiding the removal of a fastening member from a structure to which it is attached by means of a threaded connection, the tool comprising: an elongate
5 body member having first and second ends, the first end having means for deforming an end face of the fastening member to provide an area of purchase thereon; and means to cause rotation of the fastening member to unscrew the fastening member from the structure.

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According to a preferred embodiment of the invention, the tool is provided with locating means to locate the first end with respect to the end face of the fastening member.

15 The locating means may comprise centralising means.

The locating means may comprise a mandrel for engagement with the end face of the fastening member.

20 The mandrel may be spring mounted within the body member.

Preferably the leading end of the mandrel is tapered.

According to another preferred feature of the invention, the tool is provided
25 with means for preventing peripheral damage to the structure.

For example a cover or shroud may be provided to surround the means for deforming the end face of the fastening member.

By way of example, a further specific embodiment of the invention will now be described, with reference to the accompanying drawing, in which :-

5 Figure 7 is a diagrammatic exploded view of this embodiment of the invention.

As with other embodiments of the invention, the tool shown in Figure 7 has a body member 30 which in use is fitted with blades 31. The blades 31 have a rib 32 which fits into a slot 33 extending across the body member 30.

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The body member 30 has a passage 34 extending therethrough and within this passage there is a web 35 having a central aperture 36.

15 The lower end of the passageway 34 receives a compression spring 37 and a mandrel 38. The compression spring 37 acts between the mandrel and the web 35. The mandrel 38 is retained in position by a bolt 39 which passes through the hole 36 in the web 35 and into a threaded bore 40 in the mandrel 38. The leading end 41 of the mandrel is tapered.

20 When the tool is presented to the end face of the screw threaded member to be removed, the tapered end 41 of the mandrel 38 is projecting beyond the blades 31, since there is also a passageway 42 through the bladed member.

25 Thus, the leading end of the mandrel 38 may first be adjusted until it is in the exact centre of the exposed end face of the threaded member before an impact is delivered to drive the blades into the end face.

When the blades are driven into the end face, the mandrel 38 is depressed further into the body member 30 against the action of the spring 37.

5 To reduce the risk of peripheral damage to the surrounding structure containing the threaded member which is to be removed, the whole tool is provided with a cylindrical sleeve 43 to capture any debris from the blades and prevent this debris from reaching the surrounding structure.

10 The upper part of the passageway 34 may have a square cross section, so that a square key can be inserted into it to provide rotational movement to the tool.

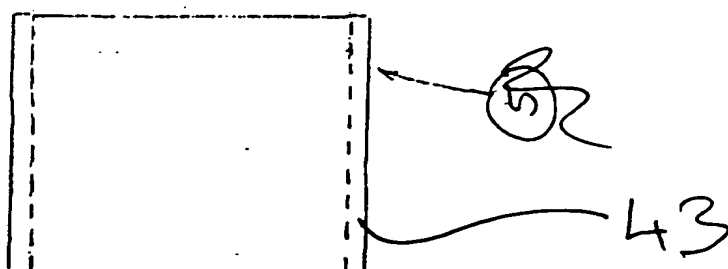
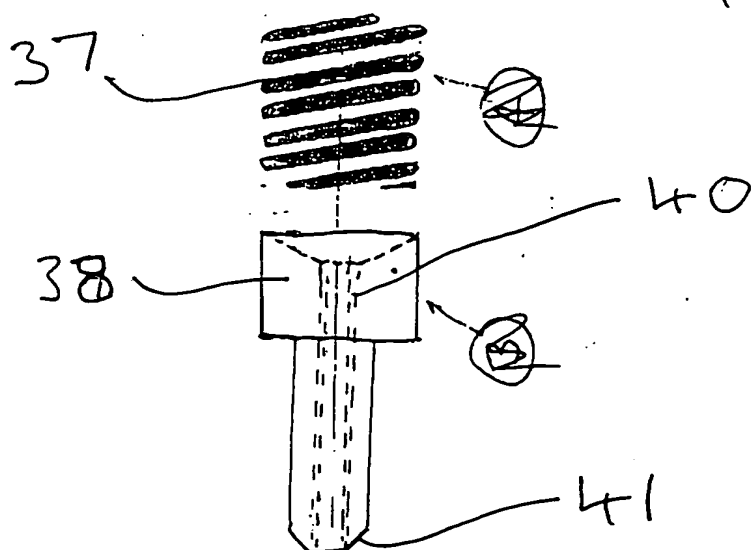
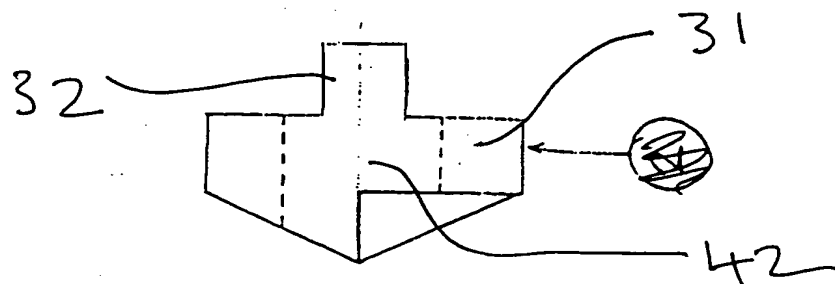
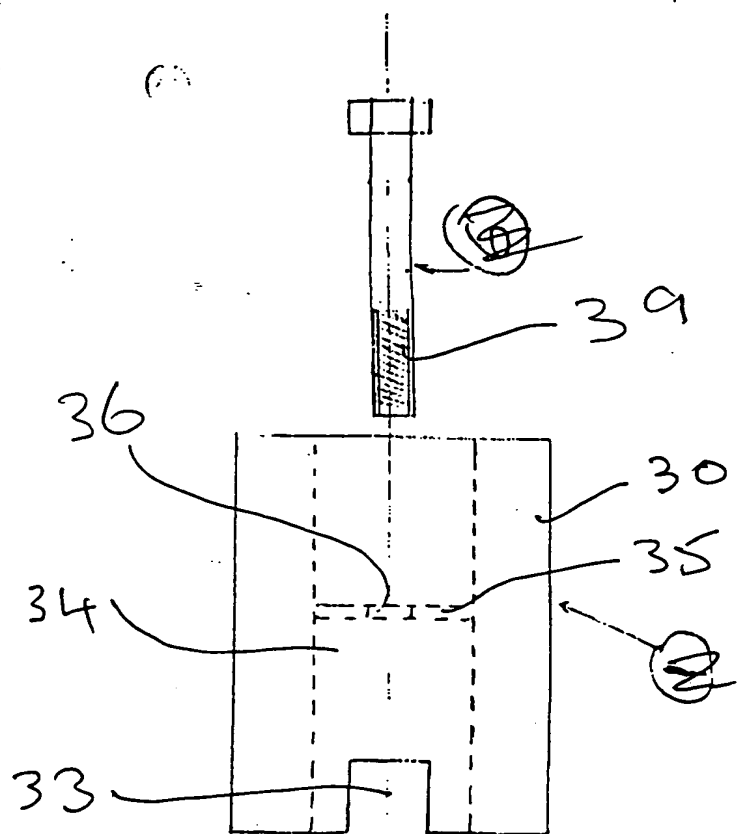
15 The invention is not restricted to the features of the foregoing embodiment. For example, male and female members may be reversed. For example instead of using a male mandrel which fits into a socket in the body, a female mandrel could be provided which slides over a projecting part of the body.

20 The reader's attention is directed to all papers and documents which are filed concurrently with or previous to this specification in connection with this application and which are open to public inspection with this specification, and the contents of all such papers and documents are incorporated herein by reference.

25 All of the features disclosed in this specification (including any accompanying claims, abstract and drawings), and/or all of the steps of any method or process so disclosed, may be combined in any combination, except combinations where at least some of such features and/or steps are mutually exclusive.

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5 one example only of a generic series of equivalent or similar features.

The invention is not restricted to the details of the foregoing embodiment(s). The invention extends to any novel one, or any novel combination, of the features disclosed in this specification (including any accompanying claims,
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